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THERE has been a lot of chatter in recent years as to which sport is the most expensive. Court tennis costs a lot of money, but it doesn't bother the champion, Jay Gould, who has a mortgage on a couple of tons of gold dust. Polo probably costs a bigger slice into a man's bank-roll than any other game, for good polo ponies come high, and every player needs a string of them. The cost of polo has been a subject long discussed in locker-rooms and newspaper columns. Professional baseball—and the semi-pro game, too—costs its backers back for large sums. You can point to every sport in the world as expensive, if the people in it want to make it so. Yet, the most necessary thing of all is to make all sports the easiest for the average man or woman to play. It doesn't put a game on a firm foundation when it costs a lot of money to play it.

ANY sport—and there is no exception to this statement—can be played for a small amount of money, if the conditions are right.

Polo Cheap in Some Places

POLO, as played by the millionaires who make the Eastcoasts, the Shermans and the Flamingos possible, is about as expensive a game as can be found. But there are some folks who play it at a very nominal cost. There are a lot of cowboys through the West—on the ranches around Sanpamco and down in the Panhandle—who can play the game right up to the standard, and who have trimmed some of the crack cavalry teams in the West. They don't bother with pith helmets and snappy white suits, and their own intelligent cow-ponies pick up the game with astonishing rapidity. All the same, polo costs them the price of mallets and balls. The army men who play in the street, even though he had the ability and inclination, polo is a notch or two above his head from a financial angle. Cowboys and soldiers, with their mounts and playing fields supplied, can participate in the most thrilling of sports with little expenditure. But for the civilian imitator of Deverox Milburn the place is too swift. Six or eight ponies costing from \$2000 to \$4000 apiece is no very inconsiderable amount.

BUT the statement that the game can be played for a moderate amount of money is proved by the cowboys and soldiers.

The Cost of Golf

GOLF, for those who belong to the larger clubs, is an expensive game. No question of that. But the sport itself can be pared down to a reasonable cost for those whose pockets are not bulging with legal tender. Municipal golf links have brought the ancient and honorable game within the reach of every one. On these courses a man is not ashamed to carry his own bag and look for his ball when it smuggles down in the rough. A bag of clubs doesn't cost a fortune, and a ball will last quite a while, so under those conditions the high cost of golf can be lowered to a reasonable figure. A local professional—a home-bred, too, by the way—was talking about the way he learned golf, and no one can say that it was an expensive way. "We laid out a couple of our own clubs," he said, "and played over hills and woods. Lamp-posts and fences were hazards. Naturally, with much use the holes became large, and we made others. The old ones made excellent traps. "We played for a penny or two a hole, or, sometimes, when we were flush, a quarter a round. No one ever made anything on it, though, for it was an inflexible rule that the money should be spent for sweets, and the losers were in on it just as strong as the winners. "You'd be surprised to know how many well-known professionals in this city learned the game that way. Nobody ever bothered about the high cost of golf in those days."

THAT'S the way a lot of professionals learned to play. A number of our big league ball players learned their trade in a somewhat similar manner.

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FIVE LIGHTWEIGHT RING BOUTS

Tendler, Chaney, Marks, Tiplitz and Moran Loom Like 1922-23 Stars

ALL ARE HARD HITTERS

By LOUIS H. JAFFE WITH big-league flistic competition in the open air virtually over this season, five lightweights appearing in the final show of the Taylor-Gunnis regime for 1922 played strenuous on record "to be heard from a lot" during the coming indoor campaign. Low Tendler, of course, leads the pack, with the probable exception of Champion Benny Leonard, the class of the 135-pound-at-2-o'clock leather pushers. Others who showed good of class at the Taylor-Gunnis Monday night are George Chaney, Sid Marks, Pal Moran and Joe Tiplitz. Oddly enough each of the quintet is a hard puncher, one depending on his ability to knock rather than to box to bring home the well-known bacon. Added to their hitting powers, there are times when Tendler and Moran also show that they possess cleverness. Monotonously Easy for Tendler Tendler had little trouble outclassing the Britling Blond, who was ever-hammered throughout the scheduled eight rounds. Only Hammer's ruggedness saved him from "biting the resin," and while it ensued in a monotonous sort of a scrap, each succeeding round being a repetition of the foregoing three minutes of action, it wasn't the fault of Tendler nor that of Hammer. At all times Tendler tried to knock out Hammer, but Hammer wouldn't be knocked out. In his effort to get Ever to sleep, he took a lot of punishment from his pre-1918 hands, punching the Chicagoan's hard head often, although the Philadelphian had to direct his attack most of the time to the body because Hammer wouldn't let close quarters as much as he possibly could. Moran, who showed he could keep whanging away at the other fellow, really was unable to display any boxing ability against rip-and-tear Tiplitz. Moran fought Tiplitz at his own game, and during the early rounds it looked very much as if Moran would be the winner. Joe Tiplitz, however, set aggressively he was entitled to a shade victory, but Moran did not lose any prestige. Knockout punching of Chaney was evident again and it wasn't such an easy matter for George to accomplish the trick. It took more than a single punch to knock away Billy Wheeler for that matter. The Philadelphian had to keep whanging away for several rounds before the York gamster finally was rocked on his back in the sixth.

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TROOPERS PREPARE FOR GRID SEASON

103d Cavalry Plans Busy Schedule at Thirty-second and Lancaster

C. S. MARSH NAMED COACH

By WILLIAM S. DALLAS INDOOR FOOTBALL on a large scale is planned by the troopers at the cavalry armory, Thirty-second street and Lancaster avenue, this fall. The season will not get under way at the close of the outdoor game, as has been customary, but the first game will be played about the first week in October and will continue during the regular outdoor season and then somewhat later. The 103d Cavalry will have charge and the officers in command are equally as enthusiastic about the project as the men. Captain Gurnee Smith and Colonel George D. Taylor have taken an especial interest and have seen to it that they will take the field well equipped with all the necessary paraphernalia. Both leave the game and are out to see their commands wipe up the field with opponents. Colonel Taylor will be recalled as a Penn athlete of many years ago and holds the honor of being the captain of the first Penn football team. C. S. Marsh, Manager The team has secured for manager C. S. Marsh, who in his school days sported the colors of West Philadelphia division. C. S. Marsh, who is now in the High School League, has had plenty of experience both as player and coach and is confident that his eleven is capable of making the big season. He is probably the best player in the team. Included in the remainder of the players who will answer the call for practice are Jimmy Henderson, Ed. Van Zant, former Vinson fullback; Smitherman, fullback of the Twenty-eighth; Nenzler, a lineman on the same team; Hobey Kissler, West Philly and Penn Fresh; Jimmy Kelly, All-Philadelphia quarterback; and Kinsley, of Penn. Coached Twenty-ninth The manager of the Cavalry eleven made considerable of a reputation as a coach of the Twenty-ninth Division which scored many notable victories while encamped in the South during the war. Nearly all the Southern colleges were defeated and the famous Georgia Tech outfit which had such a great campaign that season was held to a T-T tie. Aside from the football those who attend the games will have other advantages. There will probably be a polo match after the football game and then dancing on the spacious floor will follow. Manager Marsh has sounded a call for practice next week and will be ready for the opening game on Saturday, September 30. Dates are sought away on Saturday with Frankford, Conshohocken, Union A. A., Chesbrook, of Wilmington, Riverside and teams of the Longwood, Philadelphia, and Lansdowne, Pa., or phone Lansdowne 825 R.

BROWNS ERECT EXTRA SEATS FOR YANK SERIES

St. Louis Management Hopes to Use Stands in World Series Also St. Louis, Sept. 13.—"Lampreys" today began adding box seats back of the third-base line at Sportsman's Park for handling the crowds in the Yankee-Browns three-game series, starting next Sunday, and for possible use in the World Series. President B. B. Johnson, of the American League, witnessed yesterday's game and conferred with the Browns. It was understood he gave them advice on managing the World Series, but declined an interview. He would be called to make World Series arrangements until the pennant race is decided. Nearly 10,000 requests for reservations for the World Series have been received by Business Manager Hobey Quinn, since the announcement that those reserved last Sunday would be given conditional consideration.

Northwest Pros Have Open Dates

Scraps About Scrapper

Hilly Gannon and Young Jack Higgins, who staged a terrific tussle at the Emporium, will meet again tonight at the Emporium. A scrap will be staged at 8 o'clock tonight. The fight will be a ten-round affair. The promoter is Harry Brown. The referee is Eddie Smith. Amateur bouts will be held at the Emporium tonight. Jimmy (Kid) Herman has completed training in the indoor arena. He will fight with Kid Novak, Matty Lecher, Pinsky Kaufman and Henry Payne. A quartet of welterweights will meet in the Emporium tonight. The fight will be a ten-round affair. The promoter is Harry Brown. The referee is Eddie Smith. Amateur bouts will be held at the Emporium tonight. Jimmy (Kid) Herman has completed training in the indoor arena. He will fight with Kid Novak, Matty Lecher, Pinsky Kaufman and Henry Payne.

CHESTER FANS OBSERVE "MILLER DAY" SATURDAY

Noted Baseball Manager to Be Honored at Big Game Frank Miller, known far and wide as a manager of baseball teams for the last fifteen years, will be honored by the citizens of Delaware County on Saturday. The occasion will be the game between the Chester club last evening arrangements for the event were completed and it is expected that 5000 fans will attend the contest, to be played on Smalley Field, Seventh and Lloyd streets, between Viscose and Chester. All the towns in Delaware County will be represented by officers and players, as well as the Philadelphia Baseball Association, Miller and Barney Gallagher are now associated with Viscose. The Chester team traveled to York yesterday and defeated American Chain in a Philadelphia Baseball Association elimination game, 2 to 1. Lefty York pitched for Chester and yielded one hit, while Bill Pierson allowed two.

Out of the Game

George Sisler

ELLIOTT LEAVES WEST PHILA. HIGH

Three-Letter Star Will Matriculate at the Pennsylvania Military College LOSS IS SEVERELY FELT The West Philadelphia High School student body received a mighty shock today when it became known that "Dot" Elliott would not be among those present during the coming term. Elliott, who would have been a senior at the West Philadelphia institution, will matriculate at the Pennsylvania Military College in Chester. With his departure from scholastic ranks the Westphalians lost a very valuable and also versatile athlete. "Dot" starred in three different sports in his trio of seasons in school. Football, basketball and baseball found him a leader. Especially will his loss be felt by the basketball team. He was to captain the five this year and was an ideal turn-off man. Standing six foot, seven inches, he was the leading scorer of the quintet, and was the popular choice for the center position on the all-scholastic team. The next two seasons his selection being unanimous. 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